

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kirsty Jane Dodgson                      Examiner: Ja-Na Hines  
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Title: METHOD AND KIT FOR IDENTIFYING VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT  
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**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

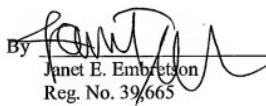
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In accordance with the provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 7, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed December 3, 2008, moving the time for response from December 7, 2008 (as provided in the Advisory Action) to February 7, 2009.

**Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$245.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.**

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